

man, or lie rotting in the musty caves of a dead mythology.

Destiny points not to the memory of man, nor to the durability of his proudest monuments as the goal of that deep aspiration of the soul to live forever. However fondly we may cling to this disappointing illusion, the flying years bear us on to quite another haven, careless that the black shadow swallows up all, or nearly all, that we leave behind us, but careful also that every worthy thought or deed, and every worthy life, tho it be forgotten here, shall yet find a satisfying fruitage and a conscious immortality in the warm bosom of eternity.

Sisters' S. C. E.

From the President

MY DEAR CO WORKERS:—To Mrs. Augustine and others who are inquiring about Sister Cassel's condition, I am sorry to say that she is still within the grasp of the disease, tho scarcely conscious of its accompanying pain. It is with great difficulty she takes a little nourishment. Few have a vitality like her's that resists death so long, even against the will. While sitting with her last night I wondered what Christmas would mean to her and Brother Cassel. Then I wondered what the true meaning of Christmas was, and if I had learned it. But I soon saw that to one and another Christmas had a different meaning.

In the afternoon as I made my calls near the Mission, I visited another to whom death would be the happiest Christmas. For more than a year she has been prostrate on her back. Rheumatic pains have so distorted her limbs, and corruption eaten her flesh, that she scarcely resembles a human form. Christ is her stay. She smiled when I talked to her, and in that bedside prayer a lesson fastened itself upon my mind. Is there one for you?

The next door I entered was into a poverty-touched home. As an excuse for absence from the Sunday-school, they pleaded sickness and "out of work." But this is a small matter compared to the deeper poverty of a Christless home, and what is more where strong drink is not a stranger. Yet they have but to choose between a miserable wrong and a loving Christ, and it seems so easy.

Once more, just a glimpse into another home visited, darker than all, where the wrong of another has brought sorrow as bitter as can come to any true, believing heart. It is only one of a number to whose crushed hearts Christmas will but be a reminder of happier days. But, thank God, there is a class within the reach of us all that we can help.

A few minutes from these homes we come to the beautiful stores, with every counter crowded with bright faces. Mothers, who seldom get to any but the little grocery store, are now eagerly scanning the Christmas

windows. Do you ask if it is worth while? Ten times, "yes," at least for the children. Dear sister, don't think it time wasted to give your little ones a happy time. They can pass thru childhood only once, and they can enjoy now what will not mean anything to them later. If they have learned to look forward to Christmas time, and their hopes are high, it is little less than a crime to disappoint them. It does more to give them a wrong view of life than months of teaching can set right. Oh, it is the child's heart that we can make glad, giving a foretaste of the joy that they will seek more readily later in life, because of the Christmas joy in childhood.

May Christ be our Christmas and our continual joy.

VIANNI DETWILER.

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Treasurer's Report of The S. S. C. E. for the Month of August

THEOLOGICAL FUND	
Maurertown, Va., S. S. C. E.,	\$3 73
Dayton, " " "	2 00
Philadelphia, Pa., " "	7 00
Listie, " " "	1 00
Johnstown, " Aid Society,	5 00
Godfrey, Kan., S. S. C. E.,	2 80
Astoria, Ill., " "	90
Auburn " " "	50
Garrison, Iowa " "	80
Enon, " " " on pledge,	1 00
Fair View, Ind., " "	2 50
Akron, " " "	2 00
Flora, " " "	1 60
Gravelton, " " "	20
Loree, " " "	1 85
N. Manchester, Ind., " "	2 20
Bellefontain, Ohio, " "	2 00
Fair Haven, " " "	5 00
Middlebranch, " " "	3 00
" " " offering,	1 00
New Troy, Mich., " "	1 20
Adrian, Mo., " "	1 30
Mary A. and Nancy A. Garber, on pledge,	1 00
Mrs. B. F. Puterbaugh, " "	1 00
" E. D. Lichty, " "	1 00
" Sam Hoover, " "	1 00
" W. O. Bowers, " "	1 00
M. Fannie Spriggle, " "	1 00
Aaron Showalter, " "	1 00
Mrs. D. L. Shaver, " "	1 00
H. L. Rosenberger, " "	1 00
Annie E. Emmert, " "	1 00
Mary J. Hockman, " "	1 00
Emma E. Copp, " "	1 00
E. J. Funkhouser, " "	1 00
Annie Schindle, " "	1 00
Fannie Schindle, " "	1 00
J. C. Hammer, " "	1 00
John Lichty, " "	1 00
Mrs. John Lichty, " "	1 00
E. A. Maust, " "	1 00
Mrs. Savilla Maust, " "	1 00
" Ella Lichty, " "	1 00
" Agnes Berry, " "	1 00
" Lizzie A. Derr, " "	1 00
" Louisa J. Baker, " "	1 00
W. S. Baker, " "	1 00
Wm. Vulgamont, " "	1 00
Mrs. Hannah Vulgamont, " "	1 00
John C. Sanger, " "	1 00
Elizabeth R. Sanger, " "	1 00
The Mrs. E. L. Horner & W. H. Swihart,	2 00
Mrs. Annie Lewis, " "	1 00
Dayton, O., S. S. C. E.,	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Horner, " offering,	1 00

\$82 58

To Treasurer of Ashland College,	82 58
HOME MISSIONS	
Reported,	90 41
Mexico, Ind., S. S. C. E.,	1 10
Loree, " " "	1 85
Pony Creek, Kan., " "	1 10
To Treasurer of N. M. B.,	11 25

Balance, 83 21

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND	
Reported,	137 47
East Elkport, Iowa, S. S. C. E.,	1 00
Pony Creek, Kan., " "	1 10
Listie, Pa., " "	1 00
Fair View, Ind., " "	2 50
Flora, " " "	1 00
Bryan, Ohio, " "	1 00
Dayton, " " "	1 00

Withdrawn for Holsinger Fund,	4 00
" Nickolson " "	2 50

Balance, 141 57

HOLSINGER FUND	
Rev. A. S. Menaugh, pledge in full,	3 00
Guilford Leslie, " "	3 00
From S. M. F.,	4 00
	10 00

NICKOLSON FUND	
Guilford Leslie, in full on pledge,	1 50
David Augustine, " "	3 00
From S. M. F.,	50

To Bro. Nickolson, 5 00

Report for the year ending August 31.

THEOLOGICAL FUND	
Amount received,	413 67
" expended,	413 67

FOREIGN MISSIONS	
Reported,	17 45
Received,	31 13
Balance,	48 58

HOME MISSIONS	
Reported,	128 66
Received,	80 80
Expended,	126 25

Balance, 83 21

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND	
Reported,	15 44
Received,	243 58
Withdrawn,	117 45

Balance, 141 57

HOLSINGER FUND	
Received,	25 85
Withdrawn from S. M. F. Fund,	94 15
To Bro. Holsinger,	120 00

NICKOLSON FUND	
Received,	36 70
Withdrawn from S. M. F.,	23 30
To Bro. Nickolson,	60 00

SWIHART FUND	
Received,	1 00
To Bro. Swihart,	1 00

ORPHAN'S FUND	
Amount in Fund,	125 37

DELEGATE'S FUND	
Received,	9 75
Expended,	7 75

Balance, 2 00